

REPORT TO THE NH CITIZENS COMMISSION ON THE STATE COURTS

12/18/06

V. Sentencing

Recommendation

Schedule

Action by Judicial Branch

		<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>FY 2010</u>	<u>FY 2011</u>	<u>FY 2012</u>	<u>FY 2013</u>	
1	Establish a standing committee to develop, implement, and advocate for just and cost effective sentencing strategy.							This recommendation is under consideration.
2	Make pretrial diversion programs and alternatives to incarceration uniformly available throughout the state.							Pre-trial diversion programs and alternatives to incarceration are primarily the domain of the Department of Corrections and County Houses of Corrections. Judges and administrators work with State, County, and municipal officials in support of diversion programs and alternatives to incarceration.
3	Work with the legislature and the Department of Corrections to expand community corrections.							Community Corrections is primarily the domain of the Department of Corrections and judges and administrators support expansion of alternatives to incarceration.
4	Ensure that New Hampshire has enough probation parole officers.							Probate Parole Officers are the domain of the Department of Corrections.
5	Work with the Department of Corrections to train judges in dealing with offenders with substance abuse issues.							The Judicial Branch has established and is attempting to expand the Academy Program (sentencing plans for non-violent offenders) and Drug Courts (now in two counties.)
6	The state should provide timely and adequate substance abuse treatment in all phases of the criminal process.							Substance abuse treatment is the domain of the Department of Corrections and of local Houses of Corrections.
7	The state should provide adequate space in the Sex Offender Treatment Program.							The Sexual Offender Treatment Program is the responsibility of the Department of Corrections.
8	The Judicial Branch should expand use of Problem Solving Courts to deal with drug offenses, mental health issues, and family related legal problems.							Judges and administrators are working with the Attorney General's Office, counties, and municipalities to expand use of problem solving courts in New Hampshire.
9	The state should ensure that incarcerated women have comparable conditions of confinement and equal opportunities for education, vocational training, treatment, and rehabilitation.							The treatment of incarcerated women is the responsibility of the Department of Corrections.